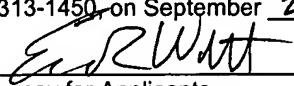


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 25, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.